

WAKE FOREST URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

MINUTES

July 14, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Pelosi, Everett Bolton, Jennifer McGehean, Don Daria, Jeff Yokovich

Members Absent: John Patterson, Earl Creutzburg, Pete Thibodeau (ex officio)

Staff: Ann Ayers

CALL TO ORDER

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Don Daria made a motion to approve the minutes, John Rich seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dansforth Subdivision
Staff met with Dansforth representatives on Friday to discuss dead street trees.
- b. Zone Inspection Update. Staff will provide maps of individual zones to inspectors for members.
- c. Quail Crossing – Discussion on \$5,000 for reforestation involved possible uses for the funds to establish a Pecan grove near downtown, increased caliper on White Street, Flaherty Park near the playground and Taylor Street Park.

Action: John Rich made a motion to recommend the use the funds to plant trees in Taylor Street Park. John Pelosi seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Oak dieback on the street tree @ Wingate & South Avenue – Zone 3
The Oak tree has since leafed out. Therefore, staff will edit the letter to NCDOT suggesting further professional evaluation of what the Urban Forestry Board considers to be a dangerous tree.
- b. Stonegate Subdivision Street Trees
The Board will not include Stonegate in the zone inventory. Staff will research hiring an intern to research the location of the street trees in relation to the easements in Stonegate.
- c. Web site
Staff needs input from the Board on content/format and asked for members to research sites and make suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

John Patterson, Chairman

Ann Ayers, Planner/Secretary



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Dear Mr. Elmore:

Pete Jordan, a member of the Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board and professional arborist spoke with a NCDOT representative regarding a very large Oak tree near Wingate Street and South Avenue in the NCDOT rights-of-way. The NCDOT representative suggested taking a wait and see approach rather than removal. However, the Urban Forestry Board has identified this tree, which leafed out late, shows signs of decline and is infested with Mistletoe, as a potentially dangerous tree. The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board voted at its April meeting to approve it for removal. The Urban Forestry Board feels very strongly that this tree could pose a hazard in its current condition and urges the Department to have the tree professionally assessed.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

John Patterson,
Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board
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